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## TECH CENTER 1600/2900 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SMIT et al.

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For: GRADUAL MODIFICATION, SUPER-AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS OF

SIGNAL PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

**TECH CENTER 1600/2900** 

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Supplemental Amendment after entering the Amendment of December 31, 2002.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 125-128 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims as follows:

108. (Amended) The method according to claim 94 or 99, wherein the modification further comprises reversibly denaturing the substrate and adding chelating agent to remove the metal ion.

109. (Amended) The method according to claim 94 or 99, wherein the modification is specific for one type of amino acid, specific to one amino acid, or is specific for only one amineresidue in the peptide or protein.